

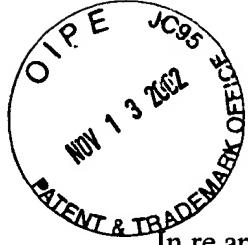
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/834,414

Filed: April 12, 2001

For: DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR  
AVERTING PHARMACOKINETIC  
DRUG INTERACTION AND METHOD  
THEREOF

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks. As the present amendment places the Application in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request that it be entered.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

*11/19/02* Please add the following new claims 16 and 17:

*A1 1 Sub C 2* 16. (New) A drug preparation for averting undesirable effects on the blood concentration of a drug by concomitant drug(s) that inhibits the *in vivo* metabolism of the said